

# While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

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verse 1

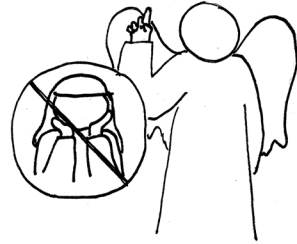


While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,



an angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

verse 2

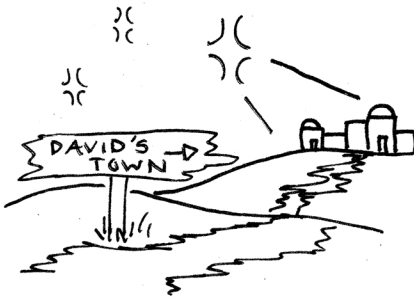


"Fear not," said he for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind,



"Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.

verse 3

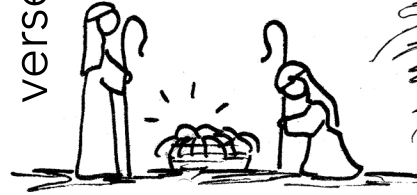


"To you, in David's town, this day is born of David's line

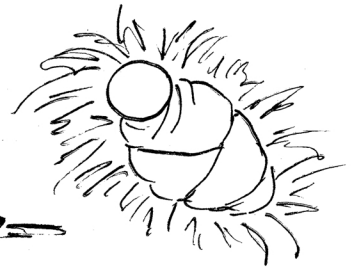


a Savior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:

verse 4



"The heavenly babe you there shall find to human view displayed,



all simply wrapped in swaddling clothes and in a manger laid."

verse 5



Thus spoke the angel. Suddenly appeared a shining throng



of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:

verse 6



"All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;



to those on whom his favor rests goodwill shall never cease."

